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SUBJECT: US/EC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FOOD AID ISSUES
AND EC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. EC COMMISSION CHIEF FOR FOOD AID, ADAM SZARF, IS
PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF INFORMAL US/EC EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON FOOD AID. SZARF PROPOSES HAVING ANOTHER
INFORMAL SESSION WITH APPROPRIATE US FOOD AID OFFICIALS
IN SEPTEMBER TO EVALUATE RECIPIENT COUNTRY NEEDS AND TO
REVIEW PROPOSED COUNTRY FOOD AID ALLOCATIONS FOR 1978.
THE COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE FAO MIGHT CONVENE
AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH US AND EC OFFICIALS. HOWEVER,
SHOULD THE FAO PREFER NOT TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN
THIS, SZARF SUGGESTS THAT THE US AND EC PROCEED
INFORMALLY, INVITING FAO TO PARTICIPATE. THE COMMISSION
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IS PREPARED TO HOST A SEPTEMBER MEETING IN BRUSSELS OR
TO ARRANGE TO MEET IN EITHER ROME OR WASHINGTON,
DEPENDING ON THE DESIRES OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. SZARF
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS AT THAT TIME MUTUAL PROBLEMS
CONCERNING THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. HE IS OPEN TO ANY
SUGGESTIONS THAT US OFFICIALS MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING
THE VENUE AND AGENDA FOR SUCH AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE.

2. SZARF NOTES THAT THE EC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL MEET ON JUNE 16 TO CONSIDER VARIOUS EC FOOD AID ISSUES. THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP A COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE COUNTRY PER CAPITA INCOME CEILING OF EC FOOD AID. HE NOTES THAT THE US RECENTLY PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS RAISING ITS CEILING FROM \$300 TO \$520. IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP THE RATIONALE USED IN US PROPOSAL TO THE CONGRESS AND THE STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL.

3. THE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL ALSO CONSIDER A COMMISSION ASSESSMENT OF LDC FOOD PROSPECTS. THIS ASSESSMENT CONCLUDES THAT, UNLESS PRODUCTION IN THE POOREST LDCS IMPROVES WELL BEYOND HISTORICAL TRENDS AND CURRENT EXPECTATIONS, CEREAL SUPPLIES WILL FALL SHORT OF MEETING THESE COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC AND NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY AT LEAST 110 MILLION TONS IN 1985. THUS, THE FOOD CRISIS IN LDCS CONTINUES AND ONLY SUSTAINED ACTION ON SEVERAL FRONTS CAN REDUCE ITS SIZE AND SEVERITY. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS A LARGER ROLE FOR LONG-TERM FOOD AID. THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THIS ANALYSIS WHEN IT TAKES UP THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH AN EXPANDED, THREE-YEAR FOOD AID PROGRAM. THE MISSION IS SENDING A COPY OF THIS ASSESSMENT TO STATE/EB/OF/FFD - OGDEN. THIS IS AN INTERNAL ASSESSMENT WHICH IS NOT FOR PUBLIC USE. HINTON

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